

ABSTRACT

Biometric sensors are used to control physical and logical access to various computer components or subsystems comprising a computer system. The biometric sensors may comprise fingerprint scanners, iris scanners or any other type of biometric sensor that can uniquely identify a person. The biometric sensors can be used to activate electromagnetic locks, which lock individual components within the system, or enabling locks which prevent devices from receiving power or being enabled (such as disk drives, network cards, etc.).